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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the Town of Douglas respectfully submit the following report of the financial affairs of the Town, for the year ending March 7, 1881.

PAID TOWN OFFICERS AS FOLLOWS:

TOWN CLERK.

T. H. Meek,	$61 42

TREASURER.

Asa Thayer.	$75 00

ASSESSORS.

A. F. Brown,	$66 65
S. W. Potter,	76 50
Edwin C. Esten,	47 50
	$190 65

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A. M. Hill, 1879,	$55 00
E. C. Esten, 1880,	22 00
W. D. Jones, 1880,	22 00
N. W. Preston, 1880,	33 33
	$132 33

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Albert Butler, 1879,	$ 6 00
A. F. Jones, 1879,	15 00
Caleb Hill, 1880,	100 00
Luke C. Keith, 1880,	65 00
N. S. Caswell, 1880,	22 50
W. D. Jones, 1880,	26 00
Lovell Parker, 1880,	5 00
	$239 50

COLLECTOR.

Newton W. Preston,	$92 00

BRIDGE VIEWERS.

Simon Rawson,	$3 00
John Robbins,	3 00
	$6 00

SEXTON.

David Richardson,	$27 00

CONSTABLES.

E. H. Leaver, 1879,	$3 75
A. Hall Brown, 1880,	7 30
E. B. Knapp,	5 00
	$16 05

LOCK-UP EXPENSES.

Orrin Chase, 1879, wood,	$ 1 32
Luke C. Keith, wood and expenses,	10 08
	$11 40

STATE AID.

[Chapt. 301.]

Arena E. Chapman,	$48 00
Elizabeth Hudson.	48 00
George A. Gleason,	36 00
Hiram Ward,	72 00
Lucina P. Sibley,	48 00
George F. Marcy,	66 00
John Stearns,	21 00
George Snow,	36 00
	$375 00

MILITARY AID.

[Chapt. 252.]

Lemuel C. Belding,	$84 00
Theron H. Barton,	48 00
Sylvester Chase,	44 00
Charles F. Balcome,	44 00
Gilbert L. Jillson,	44 00
Henry C. Lamson,	40 00
Dorris B. Young,	48 00
	$352 00

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

High School,	$1,070 28
Dist. No. 1.	$309 43
" 2.	253 01
" 3.	567 63
" 4.	257 26
" 5.	128 75
" 6.	55 03
" 7.	245 90
" 8.	250 90
" 9.	614 43
" 10.	577 87
	$3,260 21

ALMSHOUSE EXPENSES.

George D. Adams, Superintendent's salary, -	$300 00
John Robbins, hay, - -	23 00
Levi White, medical attendance, 1879, -	21 50
V. M. Aldrich, supplies, - -	18 51
David Caswell, pump, - -	14 00
N. S. Caswell, pump, - -	13 50
Levi White, medical attendance, - -	8 00
	$398 51

TOWN HALL REPAIRS.

Repairs of Town Hall, - -	$123 79

FIRE ENGINE.

Fire King Engine, No. 1, - -	$450 00
Hose, - - -	300 00
Rent of house of A. J. Thayer, - -	15 00
Apparatus and repairs, - -	222 05
	$987 05

PRINTING.

Town and School Reports, - -	$76 50
Blanks and notices, - -	25 85
	$102 35

CULVERT AND REPAIRS ON MAIN STREET.

Horace Batcheller, for labor, - -	$360 89

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

C. W. Potter, Treasurer, (dog fund), -	$154 70

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Asa Thayer, room rent, to March 1, 1880, -	$20 00

C. W. Brown, blacksmithing for Almshouse, 1879,	$12 70
Joel Taft, timber, 1878, - -	2 50
A. F. Brown, book for Assessors, -	3 50
George A. Palmer, abatement of taxes, -	9 19
John Hopkins, cost on Wixtead case, 1878-9,	90 00
George W. Hobbs, advice, 1878, -	5 00
George Adams, expense of A. J. Gould, -	7 30
William Warren, blanks, - -	3 25
V. M. Aldrich, labor on water pipe and culvert, -	11 35
David Richardson, mowing cemetery, -	5 00
Sylvester Angel, plank for bridges, -	82 40
C. E. Baker, damage to carriage, Dist No. 18,	12 00
A. J. Thayer, slabs for selectmen's office, -	2 75
" " plank for bridges, - -	69 97
V. M. Aldrich, spikes, - -	8 47
Asa Thayer, rent of office. - -	20 00
S. Russell, supplies for schools, -	14 65
" " stationery and stamps for Selectmen,	12 19
A. F. Brown, advice, - - -	11 50
E. B. Knapp, care of drain, -	1 50
C. R. Kelly, teams for Selectmen, -	4 50
N. S. Caswell, perambulating lines between Uxbridge and Douglas, - -	6 00
	$415 72

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Dist. No. 1.	George Fairfield, - -			$59 61
" 2.	Orrin Chase, -			70 95
" 3.	Potter M. Bates, - -			42 55
" 4.	Alonzo F. Jillson, -			33 30
" 5.	C. W. Potter, -	$53 47		
	Wellington Young, plank,	8 94—		62 41
" 6.	Lovell Parker, -			69 75
" 7.	N. G. Dudley, - -			46 92
" 8.	William J. Wellman, -			50 14
" 9.	John Robbins, - -			42 00
" 10.	James Peters, -			59 55
" 11.	Willard Whipple, -	130 71		
	E. B. Paine, plank, -	14 68		
	Horace Batcheller, -	76 77—		222 16
" 12.	Elijah B. Paine, -	137 43		
	Horace Batcheller, -	8 00—		145 43
" 13.	Benj. M. Burlingame, -			21 97

Dist. No. 14.	Z. A. Adams, -	$60 50		
	Selectmen, -	122 60—	$183 10	
" 15.	Edward Balcome. -		61 65	
" 16.	John Caswell, -		48 00	
" 17.	N. S. Caswell, -	143 59		
	O. C. Emerson, 1879, -	6 53		
	Horace Batcheller,	15 19—	165 31	
" 18.	J. M. Rawson, -	129 61		
	Suel Logee, 1879, -	7 85		
	Horace Batcheller,	23 03—	160 49	
" 19.	Smith H. Thayer,		22 50	
" 20.	Benjamin Whiting,	-	17 40	
" 21.	O. W. Adams, -		69 00	
" 22.	Willington Young, -		37 05	
" 23.	Simon Rawson, -	-	65 00	
" 24.	D. A. E. Wallis, -		40 01	
" 25.	T. J. Kelley, -	-	51 30	
" 26.	Harvey Wakefield, -		44 66	
" 27.	Hosea B. Jillson, -	-	47 40	
" 28.	A. H. Brown, -		99 48	
" 29.	Smith Sherman, -	-	66 45	
			$2,105 54	

REMOVING SNOW FROM HIGHWAYS.

Dist. No. 1.	George E. Fairfield, -		$ 4 95
" 2.	Orrin Chase, -	-	1 65
" 4.	Alonzo F. Jillson, -		90
" 5.	C. W. Potter, -	-	1 85
" 6.	Geo. D. Adams, 1879 -		1 50
" 7.	N. G. Dudley, -	-	6 02
" 9.	John Robbins, 1879, -		1 50
" 12.	E. B. Paine, -	-	9 48
" 13.	Syra Esten, 1879, -		1 75
" 14.	Z. A. Adams, -	-	8 25
" 16.	John Caswell, -		75
" 18.	John M. Rawson, -	-	8 58
" 19.	Smith H. Thayer, -		4 20
" 22.	Willington Young, -	-	3 00
" 23.	Simon Rawson. -		11 70
" 24.	D. A. E. Wallis, -	-	6 81
" 25.	T. J. Kelley, -		5 10
" 27.	H. B. Jillson, -	-	6 57
" 28.	A. H. Brown, -		10 62

Dist. No. 29.	Smith Sherman,	$12 75
		$107 93

STATE PAUPERS.

Ellen True,	$16 24
Rossanna King,	4 75
Jane Terrier,	8 00
Charles Gravlin and wife,	66 10
Mitchel Martell,	8 75
	$103 84

PAUPERS AWAY FROM ALMSHOUSE.

Morris O'Brine,	$13 03
William Reed and family,	106 44
Hugh Green and family,	2 00
J. W. C. Pike,	129 87
Eveline Sprague,	78 00
Julius Gould,	208 00
Mary B. Steere,	82 65
C. H. Balcome,	179 93
Clemence Balcome,	113 70
Prudence Balcome,	3 50
Austin Packard,	94 82
Joseph Lovely,	4 75
Maurice Dupree,	52 00
Hiram Johnson,	14 00
Gardner Nickerson, 1879,	37 00
Noel Dugas, 1878,	2 30
Peter Gilbert, 1879,	31 43
Peter Hughes	89 04
Media Jarvis,	15 00
Mrs. John File,	3 00
James E. Burpee,	4 00
	$1,264 46

RECAPITULATION.

State Aid,	$375 00
Military Aid,	352 00

Culvert,	$360 89
Bridge Viewers,	6 00
Lock-up,	11 40
Fire Engine,	987 05
Constable's Fees,	16 05
Sexton's Fees,	27 00
Town Hall,	123 79
Miscellaneous,	415 72
High School,	1,070 28
School Committee,	132 33
Tax Collector,	92 00
Almshouse,	398 51
Treasurer,	75 00
Town Clerk,	61 42
Public Library,	154 70
Printing,	102 35
Removing Snow,	107 93
District Schools,	3,260 21
Selectmen and Overseers of Poor,	239 50
Assessors,	190 65
Highways and Bridges,	2,105 54
State Paupers,	103 84
Paupers away from Almshouse,	1,264 46
	$12,033 62

CALEB HILL,
LUKE C. KEITH,
WM. D. JONES,
} Selectmen of Douglas.

J. C. MORRILL, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

The Selectmen further report that they have settled with the Treasurer, and that his account stands as follows :—

TOWN OF DOUGLAS, IN ACCOUNT WITH ASA THAYER, TREASURER.

1880.			Dr.
Mar.	12.	By cash in Treasury, - -	$2,055 54
"	27.	Borrowed of Henry D. Wallis,	250 00
"	27.	Received of E. H. Leaver, for use of lock-up - -	1 50
"	30.	Borrowed of Whitinsville Nat'l Bank,	1,500 00
May	18.	Received of Charles Marcier, for license,	175 00
"	20.	" Jerry Jerman, " "	175 00
"	20.	" Henry F. Dudley, " "	175 00
"	22.	" E. B. Knapp, " "	175 00
"	22.	" Stillman Russell, " "	50 00
"	22.	" Peter Roberts, " "	175 00
"	22.	" J. R. Harvey, " "	175 00
June	3.	" for Circus license,	10 00
"	26.	Borrowed of Whitinsville Nat'l Bank,	1,500 00
July	7.	Received of C. Emmons, for use of lock-up, - -	1 00
"	21.	Received of State Treasurer, Corporation tax, - -	16 10
"	21.	Received of State Treasurer, for State Paupers, - -	12 00
"	31.	Borrowed of Whitinsville Nat'l Bank,	3,000 00
Sept.	6.	" N. W. Preston, -	300 00
Nov.	27.	Received of N. S. Caswell, as Guardian for Morris O'Brine's family,	72 28

Dec.	10.	Received of State Treasurer, for Corporation tax, -	$58 49
"	10.	Received of State Treasurer, for Nat'l Bank tax, - -	211 97
"	10.	Received of State Treasurer, for State aid, - -	321 00
"	10.	Received of State Treasurer, for relief of indigent soldiers and sailors, -	20 00
1881.			
Jan'y	1.	Received of County Treasurer, Dog fund	154 70
"	24.	" E. B. Knapp, for use of lock-up	50
"	24.	" State Treasurer, for income of Mass. School Fund, -	240 58
"	24.	Received of N. W. Preston, Assessor's order of abatement, - -	131 62
"	24.	Received of N. W. Preston, on tax apc.,	15,078 19
Feb.	28.	Received of A. F. Jones, for old bridge plank, - -	5 00
"	28.	Received of E. H. Morse, Auctioneer's license, - -	2 00
"	28.	Received of A. J. Thayer, for use of lock-up, - -	1 00
"	28.	Received of Loren Whiting, for use of lock-up, -	1 00
"	28.	Received of C. Emmons, for use of lock-up, - -	50
"	28.	Received of N. S. Caswell, for old bridge plank, - -	2 50
			$26,047 47

ASA THAYER, TREASURER.

1880.			Cr.
Mar.	31.	Paid note and interest to H. D. Wallis,	$517 64
"	31.	" " " " "	479 72
"	31.	" " " " "	350 88
"	31.	" " " Jos. T. Wallis,	412 00
Apr.	24.	" interest on note to William Chase,	90 00
June	24.	" State Treasurer, one-fourth liquor licenses, -	275 00
"	26.	" interest on three notes to Whitinsville Nat'l Bank, -	105 01
July	31.	" ind. and interest on note to Salem Savings Bank, -	2,360 00

July 31.	Paid interest on note to Clarissa Batcheller, - -	$5 62
Oct. 4.	" note and interest to N. W. Preston,	301 50
" 29.	" note to Whitinsville Nat'l Bank,	3,000 00
Nov. 3.	" " " "	3,000 00
" 8.	" N. W. Preston, for County tax, -	771 00
" 11.	" interest on note to Lovina S. Jones,	180 00
" 30.	" interest on note to Retus Walling,	65 70
Dec. 10.	" State tax, - -	795 00
1881.		
Jan'y 16.	" notes and interest to Clarissa Batcheller, - -	128 53
" 27.	" N. W. Preston, Assessors' orders of abatement, -	131 62
Feb'y 1.	" interest on note to Salem Savings Bank, - -	300 00
" 1.	" N. W. Preston, for land sold for taxes, - -	6 55
" 1.	" for recording deed, -	96
" 1.	" 300 Selectmens' orders, -	12,033 62
" 28.	" Cash in Treasury, -	737 12
		$26,047 47

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ASA THAYER, Treasurer of Douglas.

CASH IN TREASURY FOR REPAIRS IN THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Dist. No.	2. - -	$6 07
"	3. - - -	23 33
"	5. - -	1 29
"	7. - - -	60
"	9. - -	99 02
		$130 31

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITES OF THE TOWN.

Note to Salem Savings Bank, - -	$10,000 00
" Retus Walling, - -	1,095 00
" Chloe Dudley, - -	330 00
" Lovina S. Jones, - -	3,000 00
" Sarah Walker, - -	511 78
" Mary Walker, - -	300 00
" Lura A. Wallis, - -	175 00
" William Chase, - -	2,000 00
" Henry D. Wallis, - -	250 00
Interest on the above notes, about	300 00
	$17,961 78
Assets of the Town, - -	6,394 82
Present indebtedness of the Town, -	$11,566 96

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Due from I. T. Johnson, - -	$ 6 75
" Town of Milford, -	4 85
" State aid to March 1, 1881, -	375 00
" Military aid, - -	176 00
" Newburyport or Holland for support of J. W. C. Pike, - -	193 72
" Town of Palmer for support of James E. Burpee, - -	4 00
Almshouse establishment, - -	3,000 00
Personal Property at Almshouse, -	1,878 08
Cash in hands of Superintendent, - -	19 30
Cash in hands of Treasurer, -	737 12
	$6,394 82

EAST DOUGLAS DISTRICT.

Assessment on the District, - -		$204 09
Received of N. W. Preston, collector,	$201 61	
Assessors order of abatement, -	2 48—	$204 09

NOTE.—The above sum I have paid over to A. F. Jones, Treasurer of said District, by order of Assessors.

ASA THAYER, Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.

GEORGE D. ADAMS, Superintendent.

DR.

To Personal Property at Almshouse Mar. 1, 1881,	$1,535 53
Cash in hands of Superintendent, -	23 15
Bills paid by sundry persons, -	25 02
To orders on Treasurer for payment of bills,	49 51
" " " salary, -	300 00
Interest on Almshouse Real Estate, -	180 00
	$2,113 21

CR.

By Personal Property at Almshouse, Mar. 1, 1881,	$1,878 08
Cash in hands of Superintendent, Mar. 1, 1881,	19 30
Amount due from Rev. I. T. Johnson, -	6 75
	$1,904 13

Cost of supporting paupers at Almshouse for the year ending March 1, 1881, including interest of $180. on real estate, - -	$209 08
Exclusive of interest on real estate, -	29 08

Whole number of weeks board of poor at Almshouse, including 8 tramps, -	490
Average cost per week, - -	$.42\frac{7}{10}$
" " " exclusive of interest,	$.05\frac{9}{10}$

PAUPERS OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Assistance rendered during the year ending Mar. 1, 1881, - - -	$1,378 30

LOCK-UP EXPENSES.

Criminals committed during the year, -	9
Tramps lodged, - - -	45
Paid for wood, - -	$4 90
Whitewashing, - - -	1 50
Keeper, - - -	5 00
	$11 40

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CALEB HILL,
LUKE C. KEITH,
WM. D. JONES,
} Overseers of the Poor.

J. C. MORRILL, Auditor.

REPORT

OF

N. W. PRESTON, AGENT

FOR THE DEVISE OF MOSES WALLIS,

TO THE

TOWN OF DOUGLAS,

FOR THE

Year ending March 1, 1881.

Received of my predecessor, as by his report, Mar. 1, 1880:

1880			Dr.
Mar.	16.	Notes secured by mortgage,	$11,975 00
		Interst due on same,	576 43
		Cash in hands of Agent,	73 71
			$12,625 14
Mar.	16.	Received of J. G. Buffum, principal and interest.	$396 38
Apr.	8.	" William M. Putnams, principal in part,	15 00
June	10.	" Harriet Paine, principal,	300 00
Nov.	16.	" Samuel Balcome, "	100 00
1881.			
Feb.	7.	" William Hunt, principal,	500 00
"	28.	" Mary E. Arnold, principal, in part,	50 00
1880.			
Mar.	16.	" James McCormick, interest,	21 00
"	16.	" Ira T. Robbins, "	9 00

Mar.	16.	Received of	Phebe Keith, interest,	$ 6 00
"	16.	"	A. F. Brown, "	30 00
"	16.	"	David Wallis, "	12 00
"	16.	"	A. F. Jones, previous Agent,	73 71

The five following items were due the previous year and paid as follows :

Mar.	30.	Received of	Louisa Jarvis, interest,	6 00
May	24.	"	S. P. Rawson, "	30 00
June	10.	"	Harriet Paine, "	9 50
July	17.	"	O. N. Thurber, "	9 00
Nov.	1.	"	Thomas Wixtead, "	13 00

Mar.	26.	Received of	R. P. Johnson, interest,	24 00
Apr.	8.	"	William M. Putnam, "	26 40
"	17.	"	Margaret Stearns, "	18 00
"	24.	"	Allen Buxton, "	12 00
"	24.	"	J. M. Putnam, "	7 50
May	1.	"	Albert Whipple, "	18 60
"	4.	"	Matilda Rivers, "	24 00
"	24.	"	C. F. Rawson, "	12 00
"	29.	"	Isaac Desotell, "	15 00
June	2.	"	Mary Briggs, "	12 00
"	3.	"	Chandler Titus, "	8 10
"	10.	"	Harriet Paine, "	18 00
"	12.	"	Joseph A. Richardson, "	3 00
"	19.	"	Philomene Marcier, "	30 00
"	24.	"	Amable Signett, "	24 00
July	2.	"	Michael Roberts, "	30 00
"	3.	"	Amos A. Humes, "	21 00
"	3.	"	T. H. Barton, "	12 00
"	8.	"	Mary E. Arnold, "	6 00
Oct.	8.	"	Jonas Batcheller, "	18 00
"	15.	"	Chandler Titus, "	23 80
"	16.	"	Potter M. Bates, "	9 00
Nov.	1.	"	William Hunt, "	30 00
"	16.	"	Samuel Balcome, "	6 25
Dec.	2.	"	Joel Glover, "	12 00
"	24.	"	Lovell Southwick, "	30 00
1881.				
Jan'y	3.	"	Dorris B. Young, "	24 00
"	8.	"	Mary E. Arnold, "	6 00
"	15.	"	Patrick Dermody, "	18 00
"	27.	"	O. N. Thurber, "	18 00
Feb.	7.	"	Louisa Jarvis, "	6 00
"	7.	"	William Hunt, "	10 00
"	11.	"	R. M. Peters, "	15 00

Feb.	18.	Received of James Wixtead, interest,	$12 00
"	28.	" Alvin H. Brown, "	30 00
"	28.	" A. F. Brown, "	30 00
"	28.	" S. P. Rawson, "	30 00
			$2,230 24

N. W. PRESTON, AGT. MOSES WALLIS DEVISE.

1880.			Cr.
Mar.	16.	Paid for discharging J. G. Buffum's mortgage,	$ 25
Apr.	19.	Loaned to Phebe E. Johnson,	333 00
"	19.	Paid for recording mortgage,	1 19
"	22.	Loaned Phebe Young,	500 00
"	22.	Paid for recording mortgage,	1 16
July	16.	" tax on Devise,	181 25
Dec.	13.	Loaned Dema A. Allen,	250 00
"	13.	Paid for recording mortgage,	1 19
1881.			
Feb.	28.	Paid appraisers as follows:	
		Luke S. Keith,	6 00
		Wellington Young,	3 00
		Moses B. Southwick,	3 00
Feb.	28.	Agent of Devise, for services,	50 00
			$1,330 04

For my services as agent of said Devise, I have made no charge for examination of titles at Registry of Deeds, because the borrowers have furnished abstracts of title covering the last twenty-five years at their own expense, and for my other trouble have charged ten dollars ($10.) less than has been charged the five preceeding years.

NOTES DUE THE TOWN MARCH, 1, 1881.

Date of Note.	Name of Maker.	Accrued Int.	Prin.
Dec. 2, 1854.	Joel Glover,	$ 2 94	$200 00
May 18, 1857.	Ira T. Robbins,	16 05	150 00
Nov. 23, 1859.	A. F. Brown,	8 08	500 00
Mar. 2, 1861.	David Wallis,	11 94	200 00
Aug. 21, 1862.	Patrick Dermody,	9 45	300 00
Oct. 13, 1862.	Joseph A. Richardson,	1 89	50 00
Jan'y 2, 1865.	D. B. Young,	6 22	150 00

Dec. 4, 1866.	Thomas Wixtead,	$23 00	$200 00
Oct. 16, 1867.	Potter M. Bates,	3 35	150 00
Mar. 1, 1867.	John M. Putnam,	6 37	125 00
May 1, 1867.	Albert Whipple,	15 50	310 00
" 21, 1868.	Charles F. Rawson,	9 30	200 00
June 17, 1869.	Chandler Titus,	8 80	340 00
Feb. 20, 1869.	S. P. Rawson,	66	500 00
Apr. 24. 1869.	O. N. Thurber,	15 30	300 00
Apr. 21, 1870.	James Wixtead,	10 70	200 00
Mar. 2, 1870.	Phebe Keith,	5 97	100 00
Mar. 26, 1870.	R. P. Johnson,	22 27	400 00
Apr. 1, 1871.	Margaret Stearns,	16 50	300 00
May 8, 1872.	William M. Putnam,	20 66	425 00
June 21, 1873.	D. B. Young,	10 36	250 00
May 13, 1874.	Theron H. Barton,	9 56	200 00
Oct. 19, 1874.	Chandler Titus,	6 01	135 00
" 24, 1874.	Lovell Southwick,	10 50	500 00
July 7, 1875.	James McCormick,	34 60	350 00
June 14, 1876.	Isaac Desotell,	10 66	250 00
July 1, 1876.	Alvin H. Brown,	20 00	500 00
Apr. 12. 1877.	Amos A. Humes,	18 55	350 00
June 19, 1878.	Philomene Marcier,	20 90	500 00
May 1, 1878.	Matilda Rivers,	20 00	400 00
Aug. 19, 1878.	R. M. Peter,	7 95	250 00
Apr. 20, 1878.	Allen Buxton,	10 33	200 00
Jan. 23, 1879.	Louisa Jarvis,	62	100 00
" 8, 1879.	Mary E. Arnold,	1 75	150 00
May 27, 1879.	Mary Briggs,	9 10	200 00
June 25, 1879.	Amable Signett,	16 33	400 00
July 7, 1879.	Michael Roberts,	19 40	500 00
Oct. 10, 1879.	Jonas Batcheller,	7 00	300 00
Apr. 19, 1880.	Phebe E. Johnson,	17 20	333 00
Apr 22, 1880.	Phebe Young,	25 62	500 00
Dec. 13, 1880.	Dema A. Allen,	3 18	250 00
		$494 57	$11,718 00

Mar. 1, 1881.	Accrued interest to date,	$494 57
	Cash in hands of Agent,	900 20
	Present value of Devise,	$13,112 77

Showing a net gain for year ending Mar. 1, '81, $487 63

Of this surplus cash, $680.00 has been paid in the last 21

days, since Feb. 7th, and the whole now is less than some previous years, viz.:

Cash on hand March 1, 1876,	-	-		$983 71
" " " 1, 1867,		-		2,248 00
" " " 1, 1866,	-	-		2,300 00
" " " 1, 1865,		-		2,347 67
" " " 1, 1864,	-	-		2,353 59

All interest due has been collected except from two persons.

In conclusion, I wish to call your attention to the fact that, while forty of the above named borrowers have been and now are paying us six (6) per cent. interest, the other one,—Chandler Titus—for over eleven years past has, by the terms of one of his notes, been paying us seven (7) per cent. interest on a note of $340., and if still continued, it seems to me will be unequal and unjust. I therefore recommend that this town at its next meeting, pass a special vote that our future agents of this Devise be directed to collect only six (6) per cent. interest on this note referred to.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. W. PRESTON, Agent.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER AND LIBRARIAN

OF THE

DOUGLAS FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

CHARLES W. POTTER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF DOUGLAS.

1880.				DR.
	To received Town appropriation,	$154 70		
Sep. 18.	" for fines,	9 00		
1881.				
Feb. 28.	" "	7 26		
	Balance of last year,	21 99	—	$192 95

1880.	CR.		
May 11.	Paid C. J. Batcheller, for books and expenses,	$70 50	
" 18.	" C. J. Batcheller, for binding books,	13 50	
" 28.	" Mrs. A. L. Buffington, as Librarian,	9 38	
" 28.	" A. L. Buffington, for wood,	1 50	
Aug. 24.	" Joseph Bowen, for counter,	1 75	
" 30.	" Mrs. A. L. Buffington, as Librarian,	9 38	
Dec. 1.	" Mrs. A. L. Buffington, as Librarian,	9 38	
1881.			
Feb. 28.	" C. J. Batcheller, books and expenses,	32 78	

Feb.	28.	Paid William Abbott, interest on loan,	$4 47	
Mar	1.	" Mrs. A. L. Buffington, as Librarian,	9 38	
"	1.	" Mrs. A. L. Buffington, for preparing catalogue, and wood,	3 60—	$165 62
"	1.	Cash in hands of Treasurer,		$27 33

CHAS. W. POTTER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

Whole number of books in Douglas Town Library,		688
" " " issued from March 1, 1880, to March 1, 1881 - -		4,013
Whole number of persons taking out books,		358
Average " issued per week, -		82
Number of books added to Library during the year,		93
Amount of fines due from March 1, 1880, to March 1, 1881, -	$14 22	
Balance of fines due March 1, 1880,	6 69	
Whole amount of fines due,		$20 91
Amount of fines collected,	$16 61	
Paid for book to record fines,	35	
Paid over to Treasurer,	$16 26	
Amount of fines collected,		16 61
Balance " due March 1, 1881,		$4 30

MRS. A. L. BUFFINGTON, Librarian.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The Assessors of Douglas herewith submit their annual report for the year 1880.

Total valuation of taxable Real Estate, May 1, 1880, - -	$736,171 00
Total valuation of taxable Personal Property, May 1, 1880, - -	222,213 00
Total, Real and Personal, -	$958,384 00

Property exempt from taxation in Douglas :

Church edifices exempt from taxation,	$15,850 00	
Land for church edifices exempt from taxation,	3,150 00	
Total value of church property,	$19,000 00	
Cemeteries,	1,025 00	
School Houses,	4,025 00	
Estates of widows and unmarried females,	12,212 00	
Total valuation of property exempt,		$36,262 00
State Tax, - -	$795 00	
County Tax, -	771 00	
		$1,566 00
Town Grant:		
District Schools, - -	$3,000 00	
High School, -	1,100 00	
		$4,100 00
Support of Poor, - -	$1,750 00	
Contingent Expenses, -	750 00	
Debts and Interest, - -	3,000 00	

Highways and Bridges,	$2,000 00	
Fire Engine, -	1,500 00	
		$9,000 00
Overlayings, - -		530 56
Total amount of tax, -	-	$15,196 56
Tax of $14.50 per $1,000 on the Valuation, - -	$13,896 56	
Tax on 650 Polls at $2 each,	1,300 00	
		$15,196 56

SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES.

District No. 3, Dist. Grant, -	$250 00	
" " Overlayings, -	3 33	
		$253 33
" " Valuation, -	$115,166 00	
" " 92 polls at 25 cts. each,	$23 00	
" " $115,166.00 at $2. per $1,000., -	230 33	
		$253 33
District No. 9, Dist. Grant, -	$200 00	
" " Overlayings, -	6 04	
		$206 04
" " Valuation, -	$376,723 00	
" " 165 polls at 20 cts. each,	$33 00	
" " $376,723.00 at 46 cents per $1,000., -	173 04	
		$206 04
East Douglas Lamp Dist. Grant, -	$200 00	
" " " " Overlayings,	4 01	
		$204 01
Valuation, $570,389.00, at 30 cts. per $1,000.,	$171 11	
329 polls at 10 cts. each,	32 90	
		$204 01

Number of	Horses,	256
"	Cows,	322
"	Sheep,	12
"	Dwelling Houses,	404
"	Acres of land taxable,	21,254

A. F. BROWN, }
S. W. POTTER, } Assessors of Douglas.
E. C. ESTEN, }

Douglas, March 1, 1881.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS:

Number recorded in 1880, -	-	60
" males, -	- 35	
" females, -	- 25—	60
" children of native parentage,	- 10	
" " foreign parentage,	50—	60

MARRIAGES:

Number of marriages recorded, -		19
Parties resident in Douglas,	- 27	
" " elsewhere,	- 11—	38
Average age of grooms, -	-	27
" " brides, -	-	23½
Native born, -	- 19	
Foreign " -	- 19—	38

DEATHS:

Number recorded males, -	- 29	
" " females, -	25—	54
Average age, -	-	26
Number of persons eighty and above,		3
" " between seventy and eighty,		7
" " " sixty and seventy,		4

DOGS LICENSED:

Males, 84 at $2 00,	-	$168 00	
Females, 5 at 5 00,	-	- 25 00—	$193 00

T. H. MEEK, Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF DOUGLAS,

FOR YEAR ENDING

APRIL 1, 1881.

PRESS OF
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,
EAST DOUGLAS, MASS.
1881.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1880–1.

A. E. KEMP, M. D.,	Term	expires	March	1881.
W. D. JONES,	"	"	"	1881.
N. W. PRESTON,	"	"	"	1881.
A. M. HILL,	"	"	"	1882.
E. C. HADLEY, (removed).				
A. F. BROWN,	"	"	"	1882.
LEVI WHITE, M. D.,	"	"	"	1883.
EDWIN C. ESTEN,	"	"	"	1883.
WILLIAM H. TAFT,	"	"	"	1883.

W. D. JONES, Chairman and Secretary.

W. D. JONES,
N. W. PRESTON,
E. C. ESTEN, } Superintending Committee.

TEACHERS,—1880–1.

Ralph H. Bowles, Jr., A. M.
S. Nellie White.
Mary F. Jones.
Josie E. Manahan.
J. L. Harris.
Edna F. Caouette.
Eunice B. Brown.
Ella M. Smith.
Erlunia J. Tourtlelotte.
Abbie L. Potter.
Ella M. Keith.
M. Josie Loring.
Nellie F. Abbott.
Emma F. Bates.
Harriette A. Brown.
Alice Dudley.
Florence E. Brown.

STATISTICS.

Whole number of children in town May 1, 1880, between the ages of 5 and 15 years,		412
Whole number attending school during the year of all ages,		405
Average daily attendance in all the schools,		291
Whole number attending school under 5 yrs. of age,		17
" " " " over 15 yrs. of age,		33
" " " " between the ages of 8 and 14 years,		220
Aggregate of months all the schools have been kept during the year, (including the High School),		104¾
Average number of months the schools have been kept during the year, (including High School),		8 13/75
Number of female teachers in district schools,		16
Average wages paid female teachers per month,		$30 60
Town appropriation for district schools, March, 1880,	$3,000 00	
Unexpended balance last year,	696 16	
State School Fund,	240 58	
Town School Fund, interest,	56 48	
Total,		$3,993 22

EXPENSE OF DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

Paid teachers' wages,	$2,960 00	
fuel, care of rooms, crayon, etc.,	261 63	
for books furnished poor children,	2 45	
J. M. Young, for carrrying scholars,	45 50	
Total,		$3,273 58
Balance unexpended March 1, 1881,		$719 64

HIGH SCHOOL.

Appropriation for High School,	$1,100 00	
Unexpended balance last year,	90 21	
Total,		$1,190 21
Paid teacher's salary for the year,	$900 00	
rent of school room for the year,	100 00	
fuel and care of room,	45 00	
chairs and dictionary,	14 00	
incidental expenses,	16 52	
Total,		$1,075 52
Unexpended balance March 1, 1881,		$114 69

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	12	12
Whole number of scholars,	43	42	37
Average attendance,	38	40	32
No. of scholars over 15 yrs. of age,	12	17	19
" " not tardy,	42	38	34
" " neither absent nor tardy,	27	28	19

Teacher,—RALPH H. BOWLES, JR.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	$8 50	$8 50	$9 00
Whole number of scholars,	51	46	29
Average attendance,	41	32	20

Teacher,—S. NELLIE WHITE.

Prudential Committee,—CHAS. F. RAWSON.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	$7 00	$7 00	$7 00
Whole number of scholars,	9	10	10
Average attendance,	8	9	9

Teacher,—MARY F. JONES.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	$8 00	$9 00	$10 00
Whole number of scholars,	24	24	32
Average attendance,	22	21	28

Teachers,— { JOSIE E. MANAHAN, Spring Term.
J. L. HARRIS, Fall and Winter.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	$6 00	$7 00	$8 00
Whole number of scholars,	40	47	41
Average attendance,	36	40	33

Teacher,—EDNA F. CAOUETTE.

Prudential Committee, FRANK D. WHIPPLE.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	10	10	12
Wages per week,	$6 00	$7 00	$9 00
Whole number of scholars,	9	12	17
Average attendance,	7	8	10

Teachers, { EUNICE B. BROWN, Spring Term.
JOSIE E. MANAHAN, Fall "
ELLA M. SMITH, Winter "

Prudential Committee, JOHN CASWELL.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of School in weeks,	11	10	
Wages per week,	$6 00	$6 00	

Whole number of scholars,		2
Average attendance,	4	1

Teacher, { ALICE DUDLEY, Spring Term.
ERLUNIA J. TOURTLELOTTE, Fall Term.

Prudential Committee, ALFRED L. HODGKINS.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	$7 00	$7 00	$7 00
Whole number of scholars,	12	11	10
Average attendance,	10	10	7

Teacher,—ABBIE L. POTTER.

Prundential Committee, CHARLES W. POTTER.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	$7 00	$7 00	$7 00
Whole number of scholars,	15	16	12
Average attendance,	11	15	10

Teacher,—ELLA M. KEITH.

Prudential Committee, ELIJAH B. PAINE.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks.	11	11	11
Wages per week,	$9 00	$9 00	$9 00
Whole number of scholars,	36	31	30
Average attendance,	32	28	28

Teacher,—EMMA F. BATES.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	$8 00	$8 00	$8 00
Whole number of scholars,	54	56	49
Average attendance,	41	45	41

Teachers, { M. Josie Loring, Spring and Winter Terms.
Nellie F. Abbott, Fall Term.

Prudential Committee, Stillman Russell.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	$9 00	$9 00	$8 00
Whole number of scholars,	31	30	34
Average attendance,	25	23	24

Teacher,—Florence E. Brown.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	$7 00	$7 00	$8 00
Whole number of scholars,	37	37	46
Average attendance,	28	27	27

Teacher,—Harriette A. Brown.

Prudential Committee, Alvin H. Brown.

WHOLE EXPENSE OF DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

	Wages.	Fuel, etc.	Av. no. sch.	Cost per sch.
Dist. No. 1.	$286 00	$28 93	31	$10 16
" 2.	131 00	22 01	9	28 11
" 3.	528 00	41 10	60	9 48

Dist. No. 4.	$238 00	$19 26	8	$32 15
" 5.	126 00	2 75	2	64 37
" 7.	231 00	14 90	9	27 32
" 8.	231 00	26 12	12	21 42
" 9.	561 00	55 57	72	8 56
" 10.	528 00	51 00	51	11 35

DISTRICT NO. 5.

District No. 5—Wallum Pond school—was continued in the the Fall 10 weeks, costing $60.00. Whole number of scholars was only 3 ; one of these attended fifty days, another fourteen days and left, and the other nine days and left, and the last five weeks of school, only one (1) scholar attended, viz.: Emma A. Chase. Shall we hereafter allow Prudential Committees to select and contract with teachers, when they have only three scholars? Shall we allow school money fooled away like this?

FRENCH PRIVATE SCHOOL.

Teacher,—H. V. Giard.

Number of Scholars, 50. Tuition received, $720 00

Length of school, 52 weeks.

GENERAL REMARKS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School has been successfully taught by R. H. Bowles, Jr. A. M., who stands as high in the estimation of the tax payers of Douglas as at any previous time; and whose name and work during the three and a third years of his efficient labor in our school, is, and ever will be, held in grateful remembrance by all those who have graduated;—and as to the feeling of those who have not graduated, we refer to the Roll of Honor.

ROLL OF HONOR.

SPRING TERM,—MAR. 29 TO JUNE 18.

NO. REGISTERED 43. AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE 37.

List of those neither absent nor tardy:

Walter E. Heath.	Hattie G. Abbott.	Estella H. Preston.
H. Edson Jones.	Gertrude C. Belding.	Dora S. Russell.
Freddie A. Jones.	Nellie E. Hunt.	Mollie Simmons.
Willie H. Meek.	Ida M. Johnson.	Annie J. Thayer.
Vernon H. Mowry.	Carrie A. Kemp.	Nora L. Thayer.
Chauncey C. Potter.	May F. Kimball.	Minnie D. Walker.
Frank Richardson.	Gertie A. Lamson.	Inie E. Whipple.
James C. Simmons.	Effie E. Morse.	Emma J. Willis.
Charles E. Wallis.	Cora L. Parker.	Maggie Wixtead.

(27)

FALL TERM,—SEPT. 3 TO NOV. 19.

NO. REGISTERED 42. AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE 39.9+

Walter E. Heath.	Hattie G. Abbott.	Cora L. Parker.
Herbert Balcome.	Gertrude C. Belding.	Estella H. Preston.

Arthur C. Hunt.	Georgie E. Humes.	Dora S. Russell.
Willie H. Meek.	Nellie E. Hunt.	Annie J. Thayer.
Vernon H. Mowry.	Ida M. Johnson.	Nora L. Thayer.
Vesley M. Newcomb.	Carrie A. Kemp.	Maggie Wixtead.
Chauncey C. Potter.	May F. Kimball.	Emma J. Willis.
Frank Richardson.	Gertie A. Lamson.	James C. Simmons.
Bertie M. Marsh.	Herbert A. Stearns.	Chas. E. Wallis.
	Effie E. Morse.	(28)

WINTER TERM:

NO. REGISTERED 37. AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE 31.89+

Names of those entitled to Certificates of Excellence and neither absent nor tardy.

Walter E. Heath.	Hattie G. Abbott.	Arthur C. Hunt.
Gertrude C. Belding.	H. Edson Jones.	Ida M. Johnson.
Freddie A. Jones.	Willie H. Meek.	May F. Kimball.
Gertie A. Lamson.	Vernon H. Mowry.	Effie E. Morse.
Chauncey C. Potter.	Estella H. Preston.	Frank Richardson.
Dora S. Russell.	Charles E. Wallis.	Nora L. Thayer.
	Minnie D. Walker.	(19)

NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR THE YEAR.

Walter E. Heath.	Hattie G. Abbott.	Estella H. Preston.
Willie H. Meek.	Gertrude C. Belding.	Dora S. Russell.
Vernon H. Mowry.	Ida M. Johnson.	Nora L. Thayer.
Chauncey Potter.	May F. Kimball.	Frank Richardson.
Gertie A. Lamson.	Chas. E. Wallis.	Effie E. Morse.
		(15)

NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR TWO YEARS.

Walter E. Heath.	Hattie G. Abbott.	Effie E. Morse.
Chauncey C. Potter.	Ida M. Johnson.	Estella H. Preston.
Chas. E. Wallis.	May F. Kimball.	(8)

NAMES OF GRADUATES,—1880–1.

CHARLES EDSON WALLIS. CHAUNCEY CLEVELAND POTTER.

TARDY MARKS.

SPRING TERM:

24 girls had no tardy marks. 19 boys had 2 tardy marks.

FALL TERM:

23 girls had no tardy marks. 19 boys had 8 tardy marks.

WINTER TERM:

20 girls had 5 tardy marks. 17 boys had 6 tardy marks.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Whole number of scholars,	43	42	37
No. of scholars over 15 yrs. of age,	12	17	19
No. of scholars not tardy,	42	38	34
Length of school in weeks,	12	12	12
Average daily attendance,	37.5+	39.9+	31.8+
No. of scholars neither absent nor tardy,	27	28	19

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

Having been more or less familiar with the schools in town for many years, we can safely say that we never witnessed a more successful year. In most of the schools, the same teacher has taught for the whole year, and in no instance has it been found necessary to make a change of teachers during a term. This speaks well for the selecting and contracting committees.

Your Committee are of opinion that the interests of the schools demand a change of Readers. Our old stereotyped readers have long been in use in our schools, and as long been (to put it mildly) disliked by our teachers.

WM. D. JONES,
N. W. PRESTON,
E. C. ESTEN,
} Superintending Committee.